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IMPROVING BIASING AND REDUCING DAMAGE FROM ELECTROSTATIC  
DISCHARGE IN SELF-PINNED ABUTTED JUNCTION HEADS HAVING  
SELF-PINNED LAYER EXTENDING UNDER THE HARD BIAS LAYERS

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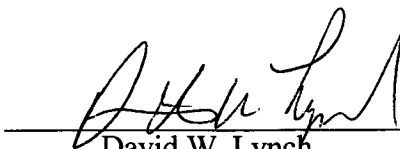
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